

## Why Fatality Review?

Vital records, such as death certificates, are important for tracking quantitative data. However numbers are not enough., The context surrounding that death is essential to learn how to help learn how to prevent that type of death from happening again. Fatality Review teams meet this needs by providing the information about the who, what, where, when, how and why.

## Overdose Fatality Review Enables us to...

Improve the communication and linkages among agencies and enhance coordination of efforts

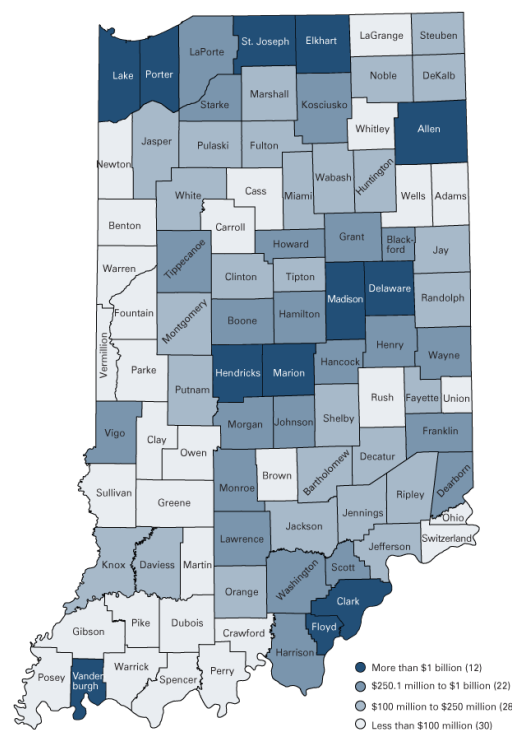
Identify trends and prevention opportunities in "real-time"

Increase public awareness and advocacy for the issues that affect health and safety

Ensure accurate and consistent identification and coding of cause and manner of death

Improve our agency responses and identify specific barriers and system issues

## Projected Cost of the Opioid Epidemic



Source: County-level aggregate costs arising from Indiana's Opioid Epidemic. Brewer, R., Freeman, K. Indiana Business Review. <http://www.ibrc.indiana.edu/ibr/2018/spring/article3.html>

## Preliminary Outcomes of Review Teams

- Need to address responder fatigue
- Treatment resources provided to overdose survivors and family members
- Implementation of "warm handoff" in schools after a child experiences a traumatic event
- Identifying high risk area by ZIP codes and creating leave behind education on door hangers to connect individuals to services
- Empower the community to come up with solutions to local issues
- Better understanding and recognition of Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Training funeral homes to provide resources about drop box locations
- Training local pharmacists and hospital prescribers on utilizing INSPECT

## A breakdown of Hamilton County Resident Fatal Overdoses

Drug Category	Hamilton Count	Indiana Count	Hamilton Rate*	Indiana Rate*
All Drugs	48	1,809	14.83	27.13
All Opioids	37	1,138	11.43	17.07
Cocaine	10	240	3.10	3.60
Benzodiazepines	10	290	3.10	4.35
Psychostimulants other than cocaine	8	284	2.47	4.26

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